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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" The Government are trying to do what all they can in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is there a system by which accommodation is guaranteed to a certain number of students depending on the strength of the colleges? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" No, Sir. When aided colleges want to build hostels and apply to the Government for aid, the Government render help wherever possible."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Has the University sent any report about the insufficiency of hostel accommodation for students? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" It is difficult to answer the question without notice. But we have not got any such report as far as I know."

Marking and grading of ghee.

* 109 Q.—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether anyone is given permission in this Province for marking and grading of ghee on actual values of genuine ghee; and if not, why;

(*b*) whether anyone has asked for such permission;

(*c*) what are the actual R.M. and B.R., etc., values of genuine ghee in each district, seasonwar, found by the Government; and if not, why;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of the figures given by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and the Imperial Dairy Export, Bangalore, on the examination of genuine general ghee in the Andhra districts; and

(*e*) if so, why marking and grading is not being done on the actual values?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Permission is being given in this Province to mark and grade ghee with a minimum Reichert Meissel (R.M.) value of 28. Permission is not given for grading ghee having a lower value than R.M. 28 although it may be genuine ghee. The reason is that while ghee with an R.M. value of over 28 can be considered genuine, samples with lower value may or may not be pure.

" (*b*) Applications have been received from the following areas for grading ghee with a minimum R.M. value of 28 :—

Tirupur (Coimbatore District)	**From 1 merchant.**
Gollaprolu (East Godavari District)	**From 1 do.**
Guntur (Guntur District)	**From 4 merchants.**
Madras (Madras City)	**From 1 merchant.**

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" (*c*) The minimum values now accepted by the Madras Government and the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India are as follows for Agmark ghee :—

Reichert Meissel value (R.M. value)	Not less than 28.
Butyro refractometer reading at 40 degrees C (B.R.)	40·5 to 42·5.

The above is based on the results of actual tests of genuine ghee got from a number of areas such as Coimbatore, Tirupur, Rasipuram, Prodattur, Guntur, Ellore and other parts of the Presidency.

" (*d*) In fixing the value of Agmark ghee, the Government have taken into consideration figures given by the Institute of Science, Bangalore, and also results of subsequent tests made in the Presidency through the Government Analyst and the marketing staff. Although in some cases in the Andhra districts a lower R.M. value than 28 was recorded, the Government Analyst was of opinion that during the year 1948, 60 per cent of the genuine samples analysed gave an R.M. value of over 28, and ghee of such value can be considered unquestionably genuine and unadulterated.

" (*e*) Marking and grading of ghee are done under a higher standard of 28 R.M. because ' agmark ' is the quality mark sponsored under Government auspices and therefore should be restricted to unquestionably high quality genuine unadulterated ghee."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know what is meant by R.M. value, as I am a layman and do not know the meaning? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am also as much a layman as the hon. Member. The letters R.M. represent Reichert Meissel, who is perhaps the founder of the value."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it a fact that it is mentioned in the last year's Administration Report that the ghee generally available is adulterated to the extent of 40 per cent and, if so, what steps the Government are taking to see that pure ghee is available? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If it is found in the Administration Report, there is no point in asking whether it is a fact. We don't publish in the Administration Reports things which are not facts. As regards the steps taken, the Government are prosecuting the persons who sell adulterated ghee and getting them convicted if there is sufficient evidence."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is it a fact that ghee from Andhra parts has a maximum of 24 R.M. value and that it is pure."

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"If the R.M. value is not less than 28, there is no possibility of there being any impurity."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—"If ghee without R.M. value of 24 also is pure why can it not be accepted."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Ghee with an R.M. value of over 28 alone can be considered genuine. Therefore the Government have accepted that standard."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—"May I know why, when a Bombay firm is permitted to mark and grade ghee, an Andhra firm is not permitted to do so?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"If my Friend will give me more particulars, I shall ascertain and let him know."

Total value of the manure coupons issued in 1946–47.

* 110 *Q*.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : "Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total value of the manure coupons issued in the Presidency for the Kareef year 1946–47; the total value of the said coupons issued for each district in 1947;

(*b*) how much of groundnut cake and fertilizers, (i.e., quantity and value) were issued in each district so far against the coupons issued in 1947 and how much is outstanding in each district; and

(*c*) what amount (the quantity and value) of the above articles was procured and distributed by the Government in the several districts in 1945–46 and 1946–47 and what the quantity is that the Government will be able to procure and distribute against the coupons issued in 1947?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Recommendations of the Water-supply and Drainage Committee.

* 111 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all or any of the recommendations of the Water-supply and Drainage Committee have been given effect to;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to introduce Public Health Engineer course in the Engineering College;

(*c*) whether the Government have under consideration water-supply schemes for Uruvakonda and Penukonda in Anantapur district;

(*d*) whether a Geologist was deputed by the Geological Survey of India in connection with water-supply scheme to Penukonda;

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